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SERIAL	DATE	DESCRIPTION (TYPE OF COMM, TO, FROM)	NO OF PGS	SENT TO BUREAU	BUFILE NOS. DIRECTED TO
5689A	2/21/52	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau, New York, Baltimore	2	yes	
5689B	2/18/52	Report of Special Agent Kachelhoffer	6	yes	
5689C	2/20/52	Report of Special Agent Tonis	17	yes	
5689D	2/20/52	Report of Special Agent Carter	6	yes	
5689E	2/20/52	Memo to New York from Bureau	6	yes	
5690	2/22/52	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York	3	yes	
5691	2/22/52	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, Chicago, New York	1	yes	
5692	2/22/52	Phoenix teletype to Bureau, New York	2	yes	
5693	2/23/52	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
5694	2/22/52	St. Louis teletype to Bureau, New York, Baltimore	1	yes	
5694A	2/22/52	Report of Special Agent Pfieffer	214	yes	
5695	2/23/52	Charlotte teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	

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5696	2/23/52	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau, New York, Baltimore	1	yes	
5697	2/23/52	Chicago teletype to Bureau, Baltimore, New York, Springfield	2	yes	
5698	2/23/52	Miami teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
5698A	2/23/52	Fingerprint rap sheet	4	yes	
5698B	2/23/52	Cover page of rap sheet	1	yes	
5699	2/24/52	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
5700	2/24/52	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
5700A	2/19/52	Report of Special Agent Schildecker	12	yes	
5701	2/21/52	Springfield letter to Director	1	yes	
5702	2/20/52	Boston memo to New York	1	no	released in full
5703	2/25/52	Memo	1	no	released in full
5704	2/25/52	New York teletype to Bureau, Baltimore	1	yes	

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5704A	2/25/52	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2704B	2/25/52	New York teletype to Miami, Bureau, Baltimore	1	yes	
5704C	2/25/52	New York teletype to Bureau, Baltimore, Philadelphia	1	yes	
5705	2/25/52	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, Chicago, Washington Field Office, New York	1	yes	
5706	2/25/52	Baltimore teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
5707	2/25/52	Boston teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
5708	2/25/52	Springfield teletype to Bureau, Baltimore, Chicago, New York	1	yes	
5708A	2/21/52	Report of Special Agent Fox	3	yes	
5709	2/26/52	Memo of Special Agent Spencer	1	no	released in full
5710	2/26/52	Memo of Special Agent Spencer	1	no	released in full
5711	2/26/52	Philadelphia teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
5712	2/26/52	New York teletype to Philadelphia	1	no	released in full

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5713		Missing from file			
5714	2/26/52	New York teletype to Bureau, Baltimore	2	yes	
5715	2/26/52	New York teletype to Bureau, Philadelphia	1	yes	
5716	2/26/52	New York teletype to Bureau, Baltimore	1	yes	
5717	2/26/52	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York	4	yes	
4717A	2/21/52	Baltimore letter to Washington Field Office	1	no	released in full
5717B	2/26/52	Memo to New York from Baltimore	2	no	released in full
5717C	2/11/52	Letter to American Embassy from Legat London	2	yes	
5717E	2/26/52	Letter to New York from Director	2	yes	
5718	2/27/52	Memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Whelan	1	no	released in full

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (65-14920)

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (65-1642)

SUBJECT: JAHAM

DATE: 2/26/52

Re New York letter to Baltimore, 2/21/52 enclosing four rough draft affidavits to be executed by LOUISE TRACEY FOWLER, the Agent in the Baltimore Office who checked the public utility records, ANDREW J. LUDWIG, and LLOYD STOKER; and New York teletype to Baltimore, 2/25/52, which instructed that an affidavit by an official of the Power Company should be obtained instead of an Agent's affidavit.

There are attached the original and one carbon copy of four rough draft affidavits to be executed by LOUISE TRACEY FOWLER, PAUL F. HLUBB, ANDREW J. LUDWIG and D. LLOYD STOKER. Attention is directed to the following changes made in the affidavits:

1. Affidavit of LOUISE TRACEY FOWLER

Paragraph one: Mrs. FOWLER is still married to WILLIAM REED FOWLER, although separated since March, 1951.

Paragraph four: Mrs. FOWLER stated that at sometime subsequent to her marriage, Miss HASSON stated that a family named CANTWELL had resided at 903 St. Paul Street. Mrs. FOWLER did not limit the time that Miss HASSON made that statement to between August 18, 1934 and six months subsequent to that date.

Paragraph five: This statement as suggested is ambiguous in that it may create the erroneous impression that WILLIAM REED FOWLER had not contacted Mrs. FOWLER concerning the instant case at any time. It is suggested that if this information is to be included it should be set forth in substance as follows:
 "My estranged husband and I had discussed my recollection of the period 1934 to 1935 and whether or not a family named CANTWELL resided at 903 St. Paul Street, but my husband has not contacted me since the date of our separation in March of 1951 concerning my most recent recollections of the aforementioned facts".

2. Affidavit of PAUL F. HLUBB

Concerning this affidavit it is noted that termination

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deleted as changes had to be made by

The attached affidavits were cancelled and changed and the originals sent to Baltimore for signing. B

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dates are shown as: "On or about". Mr. HLUBB stated that this qualification is necessary as records showing exact termination dates have been destroyed and the date given is of necessity an approximation from secondary records, however they are reasonably accurate. This qualification is incorporated in paragraph 3e of the affidavit, but can be eliminated from the affidavit if the USA so desires.

3. Affidavit of ANDREW J. LUDWIG

Paragraph three of this affidavit has been changed to include the name of Mrs. ESTHER CHAMBERS as the individual making payment, and the amount received is described as rent from March 25, 1938 to April 30, 1938.

4. Affidavit of D. LLOYD STOKER

In each instance where the name LLOYD STOKER appears it has been changed to read D. LLOYD STOKER, his usual business name. In each instance where the name SCHMITT MOTOR COMPANY appears, it has been changed to SCHMIDT MOTOR COMPANY, INC., the true and full name of the company. Paragraph three has been changed in order to more accurately describe the document involved and to remove any possibility of doubt concerning the identity of the document. In paragraph four the word receipt has been changed to record, inasmuch as the document does not purport to be a receipt. It has also been added that Mr. STOKER's initials appear on the record.

The original rent receipt mentioned in LUDWIG's affidavit is being retained by Baltimore and will be forwarded to New York with the executed affidavit.

New York is requested to advise Baltimore by telephone or teletype on February 27, 1952 as to the acceptability of the enclosed affidavits or of any changes desired, so that the affidavits may be executed and mailed from Baltimore on the afternoon of that date.

SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

2/21/52

SAC, BALTIMORE (65-1642)

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Re Baltimore teletypes to Washington Field, dated 2/17/52; and Washington Field teletype to Baltimore dated 2/18/52.

Forwarded herewith are two photographs of LOUIS J. LEISMAN, one taken upon his arrest in Buffalo in 1924 and the other by a fellow employee in 1946. It is requested that these photographs be exhibited to Dr. CYRUS M. NELSON, c/o GALE E. NELSON, 1725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. In the event that Dr. NELSON has left for Florida, Washington will direct appropriate lead to the Miami Office.

These photographs were exhibited to Mrs. JULIA NELSON, divorced wife of Dr. NELSON, and she advised that the 1946 photograph appears to be identical with a man, whose name she could not recall, that stayed at 1619 Futaw Place, Baltimore, Maryland for a short period of time before BENJAMIN BERGERON became caretaker. She could furnish no further information concerning this man and stated that if he were a caretaker he would have been hired by Dr. NELSON.

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cc: Bureau
New York

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New York, N. Y.
2/26/52

MEMO

RE: JAHAM

On the morning of 2/26/52, SA JESS FARR of the Baltimore Office telephonically communicated with the writer. He indicated that certain minor changes were going to be made in the four affidavits requested by this office from individuals in Baltimore. He was informed that these alterations should be made and that the affidavits should be put in rough draft form, forwarded to this office for approval, after which they would be returned to Baltimore for having them put in final form for signing and notarization.

THOMAS G. SPENCER, SA

cc: Asst. Dir. E. J. Connelley

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February 26, 1952

MEMORANDUM

Re: JAHAM

NORA TOLEDANO called on the afternoon of February 25, 1952, and advised that OLIVER PILOT, a reporter for the New York Post, had been assigned the job of writing a story on the HISS motion. She stated she is quite sure PILOT is not a Communist but is known as a liberal. He has been reading the transcript of the testimony, ALSTAIR COOK's book, "A Generation on Trial," and her husband's book, which he did in collaboration with VICTOR LASKY, "Seeds of Treason," in an effort to get some background for a feature story for the New York Post.

NORA TOLEDANO stated PILOT has attempted to get a conference with United States Attorney Myles Lane, but has not been successful in so doing. As a matter of fact, USA Lane called the writer on the morning of February 25 and advised that PILOT had been in touch with him in an attempt to get some inside information on the HISS motion, but Lane had refused to talk to him.

Mrs. TOLEDANO stated she was giving us this information more or less off the record, and decided that possibly the Bureau might want to drop a few hints to a newspaper reporter that would be more favorable to the Government. She suggested HOWARD RUSHMORE. As a matter of fact, she intimated that she was going to call RUSHMORE, give him the details she had given to the writer, and suggest that he probably drop in to the FBI to see if he could get some information that would make a story that would be both appealing and would be favorable insofar as the Government and CHAMBERS were concerned.

The writer thanked Mrs. TOLEDANO for the call but made no commitment whatsoever in connection with her request and suggestions.

T. G. SPENCER,
SA

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cc Mr. Connelly

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On March 17 and 18, 1949, the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the request of the then Assistant United States Attorney Thomas F. Murphy, turned over to J. Howard Haring, 15 Park Row, a handwriting expert employed by the Hiss defense, the Baltimore documents in this case. These documents were photographed and examined in the office of J. Howard Haring on March 17 and 18, 1949.

On April 12 and 13, 1949, the FBI at the request of the then Assistant United States Attorney Thomas F. Murphy, took the 69 Baltimore documents and the three standard specimens to the office of Edward Fearon, 502 Granite Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Baltimore documents and the known specimens were photographed and examined by Edward Fearon.

* During the month of August, 1950, the FBI at the request of the then Assistant United States Attorney Thomas F. Murphy made available all of the Government's exhibits in this case including the Baltimore documents and the known specimens to Miss Emerson of A. O. Stanley International, Inc., 175 Fifth Avenue, and to the Lithographing Corporation, 35 Maiden Lane. At these corporations, the Government exhibits including the Baltimore documents and the known specimens were photographed and lithographed for the purpose of including them in the printed record which the Hiss defense was making in perfecting its appeal to the Circuit Court from the decision of the District Court.

On December 21, 1949, the Government attorneys and the defense attorneys met in Judge Goddard's Chambers and discussed the defense's request for a portion of one of the Baltimore documents to be utilized in a paper examination to determine age, fiber content, etc. Judge Goddard granted this request and a piece of paper approximately three by three inches was cut from Baltimore Exhibit No. 32 (printed record page 1921 and 1922--original transcript of testimony at page 2678). On December 22, 1949, this piece of paper was turned over to the firm of Debevoise, Plimpton and McLean. The FBI has a receipt for this paper signed by Stephen Nolan dated December 22, 1949.

* On December 6, 1949, at the request of the then Assistant United States Attorney Thomas F. Murphy, the FBI turned over the Baltimore documents and the known specimens to the Commerce Photo Print Corporation, 233 Broadway, which firm had been retained by the Hiss defense. The original Baltimore documents and known specimens were photographed by this corporation on that date.

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FROM : SAC, BOSTON

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ATTENTION ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR E. J. CONNELLEY

DATE: February 20, 1952

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Attached please find a transcript of a portion of the testimony of ELIZABETH MC CARTHY and Dr. CHARLES A. SCHMITT in the Superior Court of Cheshire County, Keene, New Hampshire in the case of PETER MARKOU vs. the Estate of ERROL S. MORSE which began on March 29, 1950 before the Honorable JOHN R. GOODNOW, Presiding Justice.

The transcript was made from notes taken by Mrs. SNYDER who was a court stenographer during the course of the trial. Mrs. SNYDER has retained her original notes.

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